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**DWR Announces Catch a Special
Thrill for Kids Event at Lake Oroville**

Sacramento – The Department of Water Resources (DWR), in partnership with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), the Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW), the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and the CAST for Kids Foundation will sponsor a CAST (Catch A Special Thrill) for Kids event on Saturday, September 9 at Lake Oroville.

The event will run from 9 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. with 40 youth participating at Lake Oroville Spillway Recreation Unit. Many groups and local businesses have helped to make this special event possible. Additional sponsors for the event include California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Butte County Fire, Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians, Golden State Bass Club, Lake Oroville Marina, First Responder, WTC Inc., Wal-Mart, Albertsons, Feather River Recreation and Park District, Kiwanis International, Chico BASS Conservation Club, Paradise Sporting Goods, McGrath's Wholesale Bait, Exclusive Limousine, Oroville Chamber of Commerce, Eagle Claw, ZEBCO and PLANO Tackle Systems.

CAST for Kids volunteers help disabled and disadvantaged youth experience a very special day of outdoor adventure. While fishing, youth participants learn about boating safety, angler ethics and natural resources. On shore, kids will play games, win prizes, and enjoy other activities and entertainment. Volunteer staff come from state agencies, the CAST Foundation and the community.

In 2004, DWR, DPR, DBW and DFG signed a Memorandum of Agreement to provide a framework to create a partnership between the CAST Foundation and the State of California. The goal of this partnership is for the state to support the CAST program and expand opportunities for disabled and disadvantaged youth to use and enjoy public land and water throughout State Water Project recreation facilities.

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project,

provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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